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Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims
 24-35 to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 24-35 been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 24-35 were cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1-23 and 36-53 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is the references from *Perfumes, Art, Science and Technology*. These references discuss the adaptation of a perfume formula for use in different products (p. 201). The fragrance emanation from different perfumed products was measured by headspace analysis, transferred into odor values and plotted. The odor of the perfumed

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products was adjusted to conform with that of the perfume by linear adjustment of the concentrations of the constituents found in the headspace. This differs from the present claims in that no regression of a series of odorants is disclosed, nor is a selection of odorants based on the analysis. The concentrations of the constituents of a previously formulated perfume are being adjusted based on the headspace analysis, rather than their being selected or rejected. Accordingly, the presently claimed method is not obvious over the prior art of record.

- 5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- 6. Any prior art made of record and not relied upon is of interest and is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (703) 305-5599. After December 15, the examiner's phone number will be (571) 272-1318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 until 4:30. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta, may be reached at (703) 308-4708.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

John R. Hardee

Primary Examiner

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